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ACTION EB-07

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FM AMEMASSY ABIDJAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2553

INFO AMEMBASSY CASABLANCA

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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA WHITMAN

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, BEXP, IV

SUBJ: CIVAIR - AIRCRAFT EXPORT PROMOTION

REF: STATE 057389

1. BOEING AND DOUGLAS ARE REGULAR CALLERS ON ABIDJAN AND SINCE THE SALE OF TWO DC-10S TO RK, BOTH HAVE CONCENTRATED THEIR EFFORTS ON SMALLER DC-9 ND B-737.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 75 VISIT OF DOUGLAS REPRESENTATIVES, THERE SEEMS GOOD CHANCE THAT DC-9 IS STRONG CONTENDER TO REPLACE RK CARAVELLES. CURRENT PROBLEMS INCLUDE DISPOSAL OF CARAVELLES WHICH ARE NOT YET PAID FOR AND QUESTION OF RK ABILITY TO BUY NEW AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME. FYI-SECOND DC-10 SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY TO RK THIS SUMMER HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN LEASED TO AIR SIAM. END FYI.

3. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH CADEAC D'ARBAUD, DEPUT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AIR AFRIQUE, EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT RK ALREADY LEANING HEAVILY ON SIDE OF DC-9.

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4. MOST RECENT BOEING VISIT (MAR 75) SHOWED  
GOOD TURNOUT OF RK, CIVIL AVIATION AND MILITARY PERSONNEL  
TO WATCH 737 FILM PRESENTATION. NEVERTHELESS, BOEING REIOZ  
IS NOT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF WRESTING  
POTENTIAL BUSINESS AWAY FROM DOUGLAS.

5. IVORIAN MILITARY CURRENTLY CURRENT OPERTING TWO F-27 AND  
ONE F-28. TWO MORE F-28 HAVE BEEN CONTRACTED  
FIRST FOR DELIVERY LATE 75 AND SECOND IN FIRST QUARTER 76.  
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